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Title: GLOBAL: Vast rise in student mobility

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081010092653268&mode=print>

Summary: More than 2.5 million university students are now estimated to be studying outside their own countries – a 70% increase in the past decade and the number looks set to continue rising. A new report confirms that students from China dominate those studying abroad, far exceeding young people from India, South Korea, Germany and Japan - the top five nations with the most students in other countries.

With nearly 400,000 of its students now enrolled in foreign universities, China outranks India by more than 250,000. Because of the huge rise in Chinese student mobility, Asian students comprise 45% of the total studying offshore followed by those from Europe with 28%, Africa with 12% and the Americas with 10%.

Date: October 12, 2008

Source: University World News

Title: INDIA: Process started for 12 central universities

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081010084533764&mode=print>

Summary: The Indian government has initiated the process of establishing 12 new central universities by starting to select their sites, reports The Hindu. Several government committees have started visiting sites offered by state governments to assess their "suitability". States are supposed to provide about 500 acres of land free for the setting up of a central university.

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Source: University World News via The Hindu
(<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/002200810091221.htm>)

Title: **TURKEY: Board seeking foreign students**

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081010085556345&mode=print>

Summary: The Higher Education Board, or YÖK, has been developing measures to make the Turkish system of higher education more appealing to students from abroad, reports Today's Zaman. One of the measures has been encouraging private universities to lower tuition costs for foreign students, and another has been asking state universities to boost admissions of foreign students.

YÖK also has tentative plans to make changes to the Foreign Student Exam, an exam foreign students must score well on to gain admittance to Turkish universities and which many have said is too difficult.

Date: October 12, 2008 **Source:** University World News via Today's Zaman (<http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/detaylar.do?load=detay&link=155186&bolum=101>)

Title: **UK: British Universities Affected by Financial Meltdown in Iceland**

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/daily/2008/10/508>

Summary: The meltdown of Iceland's banking system is having repercussions in Britain's higher-education sector, although the full extent of how many universities are affected remains unclear. Several Icelandic banks have subsidiaries in Britain, and the Icelandic crisis has reverberated through the local economy.

Iceland's financial institutions succumbed last week to the global economic crisis, and the country's three largest banks were nationalized, preventing depositors from gaining access to the money in their frozen accounts. Britain's Higher Education Funding Council for England, which finances all universities and other institutions of higher education, in England, commissioned a survey of its members to determine which institutions had been affected and to what extent.

Date: October 14, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: **US: HR at a Global University**

Link: <http://www.insidehighered.com/layout/set/print/news/2008/10/15/branch>

Summary: Many colleges have stated philosophies about their employment practices. They want faculty salaries to be consistent with those of peer institutions. They want staff members to be paid a "living wage." They want policies that are "family friendly" or that promote diversity. To be sure, sometimes these philosophies may be more theory than practice, but they provide a framework for employees, managers, trustees and others to evaluate proposed policies.

But what happens when a college opens up a campus in another country? Do these policies work? Or do they fail to provide much guidance at all for some of the tough issues that come with being an employer on multiple continents? The consensus of a panel of consultants and audience members this week at the annual meeting of the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources was that many colleges know a lot more about how to teach abroad than to be an employer abroad — and that this is creating dilemmas.

Date: October 15, 2008 **Source:** Inside Higher Education

Title: **AUSTRALIA: Overseas students in Australia find their degrees relevant**

Link: <http://www.higher-edge.com/docs/oov-V07-No.34.pdf>

Summary: A new IDP survey has revealed that almost 80 per cent of overseas students find their degrees relevant to the Australian industry they work in. This includes "key skills shortage" areas of information technology, finance and accounting, education, health, engineering and technology.

Date: October 15, 2008 **Source:** Overseas Overwhelmed via Australian IT (<http://www.australianit.news.com.au/story/0,24897,24429583-15306,00.html>)

Title: UAE: Dubai International Academic City unveils criteria for partner universities

Link: <http://www.higher-edge.com/docs/oov-V07-No.34.pdf>

Summary: Dubai International Academic City (DIAC), the region's centre for international higher education, has revealed its criteria for international universities wanting to set up shop. DIAC's academic committee will review applications and assess each submission based on various factors including an academic plan's ability to strategically add value to DIAC's overall programme offering, while meeting the demand of students and industry sectors across the region for specialised courses of study.

Date: October 15, 2008 **Source:** Overseas Overwhelmed via AME Info (<http://www.ameinfo.com/165150.html>)

Title: 🏢 Grand opening of new teaching and research centre

Link: <http://myuminfo.umanitoba.ca/index.asp?sec=2&too=100&dat=10/16/2008&sta=3&wee>

Summary: On Thursday, October 16, 2008, the new home of the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Apotex Centre, was formally opened. Located just across the street from Brodie Centre at the University of Manitoba Bannatyne campus, the Apotex Centre was feted by a large group of students, faculty, staff and donors. Built at a cost of about \$32 million, the Apotex Centre houses the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Department of Immunology. The 95,000 sq.ft. facility features three lecture theatres including the Procuracy Lecture Theatre as well as substantial laboratory space, including the Procuracy Pharmaceutical Care Lab and the Thorkelson Undergraduate Laboratory.

Date: October 16, 2008 **Source:** University of Manitoba

Title: GLOBAL: Obsession With Rankings Goes Global

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/weekly/v55/i08/08>

Summary: A Chinese list of the world's top universities would seem an unlikely concern for French politicians. But this year, France's legislature took aim at the annual rankings produced by Shanghai Jiao Tong University, which claims to list the 500 best universities in the world. The highest-ranked French entry, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, comes in at No. 42.

The legislators' concern underscores a fundamental change in higher education. Simply put, it has become an international enterprise. The flow of students, researchers, and money now takes place on a global scale.

Date: October 17, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: US: Cornell Gets \$50-Million Gift for International Research and Recruitment

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/daily/2008/10/517>

Summary: Ratan Tata, an Indian industrialist and Cornell University alumnus, announced today a gift of \$50-million to his alma mater to help recruit top Indian students to the campus and to support joint research projects with Indian universities in agriculture and nutrition.

The donation will also be used to set up a scholarship fund to bring more Indian students, who may be discouraged by Cornell's price tag, to the university. The gift could eventually help support as many as 25 Indian undergraduate and graduate students at a time.

Date: October 17, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: 🇨🇦 **Manitoba sees strong increase in real wage rates**

Link: <http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/October2008/17/c6092.html>

Summary: WINNIPEG, Oct. 17 /CNW/ - Manitoba paycheques got bigger and the province was the runaway leader in real wage growth in 2007, recording a 2.3 per cent increase that was more than twice the growth seen nationally, according to the MB Check-Up, an annual economic analysis of the province as a place to live, work and invest by the Chartered Accountants of Manitoba.

"This very strong wage growth came from a combination of solid pay increases, which averaged 4.4 per cent, and low provincial inflation which allowed Manitobans to keep more than half of this increase," said Gary Hannaford, CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba.

Real average hourly wages were \$20.67 in Manitoba in 2007.

Date: October 17, 2008

Source: CNW Group